

Claim 40-45. Cancelled (without disclaimer or prejudice).

**REMARKS**

Claims 43-45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. Cancellation of claims 43-45 moots the stated grounds of rejection.

Early allowance of the application in view of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1076.40408VX1) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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